



Annual Public Hearing: Health Care Cost Trends Agenda

Monday, June 27, 2011

Bunker Hill Community College, 250 New Rutherford Avenue, Boston, MA 02129

9:00 A.M. Introductory Remarks

Seena Perumal Carrington, Acting Commissioner of the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy and Chair of Public Hearing

9:15 A.M. Statements by Officials

- Senate President Therese Murray
- Senator Richard T. Moore, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing
- Representative Steven M. Walsh, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing
- Representative Jeffrey Sanchez, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Public Health
- JudyAnn Bigby, M.D., Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services
- Jay Gonzalez, Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance
- Gregory W. Sullivan, Inspector General

10:15 A.M. Review of Analytic Findings from the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy

- Private Health Insurance Premium Trends: Dianna Welch, F.S.A., M.A.A.A., Senior Consultant, Oliver Wyman Actuarial Consulting, Inc.
- Health Expenditure Trends: Deborah Chollet, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

11:15 A.M. Review of Findings from the Division of Insurance

Joseph Murphy, Commissioner

12:00 P.M. Statement by Governor Deval Patrick

12:30 P.M. 45-Minute Lunch Break

1:15 P.M. Review of Findings from Investigation into Health Care Cost Trends and Cost Drivers

Martha Coakley, Massachusetts Attorney General

2:15 P.M. Public Testimony

4:30 P.M. Concluding Remarks

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- Stacey Eccleston, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy
- Karen Tseng, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Health Care Division

10:30 A.M. Response Panel

- Normand E. Deschene, F.A.C.H.E., President, Lowell General Hospital
- Gary L. Gottlieb, M.D., M.B.A., President and Chief Executive Officer, Partners HealthCare
- James Roosevelt, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Tufts Health Plan and Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans
- Andrei Soran, Chief Executive Officer, MetroWest Medical Center
- Ellen Zane, President and Chief Executive Officer, Tufts Medical Center

Moderator: Michael H. Bailit, M.B.A., President, Bailit Health Purchasing

12:00 P.M. 45-Minute Lunch Break

12:45 P.M. Expert Witness: Consumers' Role in Cost Containment

Michael E. Chernew, Ph.D., Professor of Health Care Policy in the Department of Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School

1:45 P.M. Response Panel

- Paul Hattis, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., Member of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization and Associate Director, MPH Program, Tufts University Medical School
- W. Patrick Hughes, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fallon Community Health Plan
- Joseph Lawler, CEBS, Vice-Chair of Health Care Quality and Cost Council and Certified Employee Benefits Specialist, The Gaudreau Group
- Richard C. Lord, President and Chief Executive Officer, Associated Industries of Massachusetts
- Dolores L. Mitchell, Executive Director, Group Insurance Commission
- Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Executive Director, Health Care For All

Moderator: Michael E. Chernew, Ph.D., Professor of Health Care Policy in the Department of Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School

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9:15 A.M. Review of Analytic Findings: Alternate Payment Methodologies

- Potential Savings Associated with Bundled Payments: Stacey Eccleston, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy
- Susan Brown, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Health Care Division

10:00 A.M. Expert Witness: How Better Payment Systems Can Help Improve Healthcare Quality and Control Costs

Harold D. Miller, Executive Director, Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform

11:00 A.M. Response Panel

- Evan M. Benjamin, M.D., F.A.C.P., Senior Vice President, Healthcare Quality, Baystate Medical Center, Inc., Associate Professor of Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine
- Joseph Berman, Chief Operating Officer, Acton Medical Associates, P.C.
- Patrick F. Gilligan, Senior Vice President of Health Care Services, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
- Nancy Kane, D.B.A., Professor of Management, Harvard School of Public Health
- David Polakoff, M.D., M. Sc., Director, Office of Clinical Affairs/MassHealth Chief Medical Officer, Center for Health Policy and Research, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Moderator: Harold D. Miller, Executive Director, Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform

12:30 P.M. 30-Minute Lunch Break

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Wednesday, June 29, 2011 (continued)

1:00 P.M. Review of Analytic Findings: Health Resource Planning

- Total Medical Expenses: Stephen McCabe, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy and Dianna Welch, F.S.A., M.A.A.A., Oliver Wyman Actuarial Consulting, Inc.
- Primary Care Access and Supply: Stacey Eccleston, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy
- Office of the Attorney General

2:15 P.M. Expert Witness: Thinking Creatively About The Health Care System We Need For The 21st Century

Cathy Schoen, Senior Vice President, The Commonwealth Fund

3:15 P.M. Response Panel

- John Auerbach, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- Allison Bayer, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Cambridge Health Alliance
- James W. Hunt, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers
- Julie Pinkham, R.N., Executive Director, Massachusetts Nurses Association
- Veronica Turner, Executive Vice President, Service Employees International Union, Local 1199, United Healthcare Workers East

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9:15 A.M. Review of Analytic Findings: Challenges in Care Coordination

- Preventable Hospitalizations; Avoidable Emergency Department Visits; Potentially Preventable Readmissions; and Results of Emergency Department Diversion Programs: Stacey Eccleston, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy
- Lois Johnson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Health Care Division

10:30 A.M. Expert Witness: Relational Coordination in Healthcare

Jody Hoffer Gittel, Ph.D., Professor of Management, Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Director of the Relational Coordination Research Collaborative, and Acting Faculty Director of the MIT Leadership Center

11:15 A.M. Response Panel

- Ray Campbell, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Data Consortium
- Michael Cantor, M.D., J.D., Quality Medical Director, New England Quality Care Alliance
- Howard R. Grant, M.D., J.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Lahey Clinic
- Barbara A. Leadholm, M.S., M.B.A., Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health
- Ralph de la Torre, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Steward Health Care System

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1:15 P.M. Expert Witness: Role of Government and Market in Reducing Health Care Costs

Paul Ginsburg, Ph.D., President, Center for Studying Health System Change

2:00 P.M. Response Panel

- Christopher Koller, Health Insurance Commissioner, State of Rhode Island
- Glen Shor, Executive Director, Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority
- Jeffrey D. Selberg, M.H.A., Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Institute for Healthcare Improvement
- Laurie Sprung, Ph.D., M.P.H., Senior Vice President, The Advisory Board Company
- Christine White, Attorney, Federal Trade Commission, Northeast Regional Office

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